

### AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A piece of furniture, ~~such as~~ including a table, a chair ~~[[or]]~~ , a stand or the like, having a support structure (3) ~~[[,]]~~ which supports a receiving unit (6) and is supported on a leg (2) or by at least ~~[[by]]~~ one support and has hollow receivers (7) ~~[[,]]~~ axially accessible from ~~[[one]]~~ a side, which are at least partially round in a cross section, for an end section (2.1) of the leg (2) or the at least one support, the piece of furniture comprising:

~~characterized in that~~

one of engagement elements (7.2) ~~in the form of~~ formed as helical segments ~~are formed~~ in the hollow receivers (7) on respectively at least partially encircling inside (7.1), and a counter-engagement ~~elements~~ element (2.2) ~~[[are]]~~ formed on ~~[[the]]~~ a respective outside of the end ~~sections~~ section (2.1), ~~which work~~ working together ~~with the former~~ for fixing the legs (2) in place free of play, ~~[[or]]~~ and

~~in the opposite way~~ the engagement elements forming ~~in the form of~~ spirals ~~are formed~~ at ~~[[the]]~~ end sections (2.1) and the counter-engagement elements (2.2) in the receivers (7).

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2. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 1, wherein

~~characterized in that~~

two engagement elements (7.2) ~~in the form of~~ formed as grooves are located opposite each other[[,]] offset by 180°, each of which has an insertion element (7.3) extending in an axis-parallel direction, and

the engagement elements (2.2) are ~~embodied as~~ peg-shaped protrusions matched to the grooves.

3. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim ~~1~~ or 2, wherein

~~characterized in that~~

the ~~receiver~~ receivers (7) and the end ~~section~~ sections (2.1) are correspondingly embodied to be conically tapering toward [[the]] a free end of one of the end ~~section~~ sections (2.1)[[,]] and [[are]] dimensioned ~~in such a way~~ so that the one end section (2.1) ~~can be~~ is introduced with play [[in]] with respect to the receiver (7) in the axial direction and ~~can be~~ is fixed in place by subsequent rotation, while supported free of play at [[the]] a conical inside (7.1).

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4. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 3, wherein  
~~the arrangement of~~ the engagement elements (7.2) and counter-engagement elements (2.2), as well as ~~[[the]]~~ a dimensioning of the receiver (7) and the one end section (2.1) are laid out ~~in such a way~~ so that, with the leg attached, ~~[[the]]~~ an upper front side of the leg (2) is supported on an upper inner surface of the receiver (7).

5. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterized in that~~ claim 4, wherein  
the ~~receivers~~ receiver (7) in ~~[[the]]~~ a form of a separate ~~inserts~~ insert is made of one of a plastic ~~[[or]]~~ and a metal ~~[[are]]~~ and is fixed in place in respectively matched recesses in one of linear profiled elements (4) ~~[[or]]~~ and transverse struts (5).

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6. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture, ~~in particular~~  
~~the table~~ in accordance with claim 5, wherein at least one of  
~~characterized in that~~  
the linear profiled elements ~~and/or~~ and the transverse struts are  
~~embodied as~~ hollow profiled elements which, ~~for introducing the inserts,~~ have  
openings on ~~their~~ an underside ~~which~~ that are matched to ~~[[the]]~~ an exterior cross  
section of the ~~latter~~ inserts.

7. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance  
with claim 5 ~~or~~ 6, wherein  
~~characterized in that~~  
the inserts (7) are ~~designed~~ in one of a cup shape ~~[[or]]~~ and a hat shape  
and are one of pressed ~~[[or]]~~ and glued into the respective recess, ~~or are~~ riveted  
~~[[or]]~~ , and screwed from ~~[[the]]~~ a top of one of the linear profiled element (4) ~~[[or]]~~  
and the transverse strut (5).

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8. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with ~~one of claims 5 to~~ claim 7, wherein at least one of  
~~characterized in that~~

on ~~their~~ the underside each of the inserts (7) ~~have~~ has a collar (7.4) which[[,]] in [[the]] an inserted state[[,]] rests ~~in the manner of~~ as a flange against [[the]] a respective underside of one of the linear profiled element (4) [[or]] and the transverse strut (5), ~~and/or~~ and are provided with one of a snap-in groove [[or]] and a snap-in projection working together with a lower wall of one of the linear profiled element (4) [[or]] and the transverse strut (5).

9. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein  
the linear profiled elements (4) are ~~designed as~~ four-edged hollow profiled sections.

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10. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims,~~

~~characterized in that~~ claim 9, wherein

~~[[the]] axes of the receivers (7) are aligned obliquely upward and[[, in]]~~  
inward with respect to the table, ~~inward.~~

11. (New) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 1 wherein the receivers (7) and the end sections (2.1) are correspondingly embodied to be conically tapering toward a free end of one of the end sections (2.1) and dimensioned so that the one end section (2.1) is introduced with play with respect to the receiver (7) in an axial direction and is fixed in place by subsequent rotation, while supported free of play at a conical inside (7.1).

12. (New) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 1, wherein the engagement elements (7.2) and counter-engagement elements (2.2), as well as a dimensioning of the receiver (7) and the one end section (2.1) are laid out so that, with the leg attached, an upper front side of the leg (2) is supported on an upper inner surface of the receiver (7).

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13. (New) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 1, wherein the receiver (7) in a form of a separate insert is made of one of a plastic and a metal and is fixed in place in respectively matched recesses in one of linear profiled elements (4) and transverse struts (5).

14. (New) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 13, wherein at least one of the linear profiled elements and the transverse struts are hollow profiled elements which have openings on an underside that are matched to an exterior cross section of the inserts.

15. (New) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 5, wherein the inserts (7) are in one of a cup shape and a hat shape and are one of pressed and glued into the respective recess, riveted, and screwed from a top of one of the linear profiled element (4) and the transverse strut (5).

16. (New) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 5, wherein at least one of on the underside each of the inserts (7) has a collar (7.4) which in an inserted state rests as a flange against a respective underside of one of the linear profiled element (4) and the transverse strut (5), and are provided with one of a snap-

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in groove and a snap-in projection working together with a lower wall of one of the linear profiled element (4) and the transverse strut (5).

17. (New) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 1, wherein the linear profiled elements (4) are four-edged hollow profiled sections.

18. (New) The piece of furniture in accordance with claim 1, wherein axes of the receivers (7) are aligned obliquely upward and inward with respect to the table.